

Application number 09/662,068
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment claims 53-54 and 56-70 will remain pending in this application.

Claims 53, 54, and 56-70 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gilbertson, U.S. Patent No. 6,240,458. Reconsideration of this rejection and allowance of all the pending claims in light of these remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 53

Claim 53 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gilbertson. But Gilbertson is not 102(e) prior art for this application.

The chain of priority for this application is as follows:

This application is a continuation of 08/808,849, filed February 28, 1997, now United States patent number 6,272,600, which claims the benefit of 60/031,063, filed November 15, 1996.

The filing date and earliest priority date of Gilbertson appears to be December 22, 1998. Accordingly, Gilbertson is not prior art for this application. A copy of a corrected filing receipt is attached.

For at least this reason, claim 53 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-752-2456.

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